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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: MASTER PLAN FOR METROPOLITAN LAGOS

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1. UNDP NEW YORK HAS AWARDED SUBJECT CONTRACT TO AMERICAN FIRM OF WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, BANKERS TRUST TOWER, P.O. BOX 92, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29202. CONTRACT BELIEVED TO BE WORTH ABOUT DOLS 1.6 MILLION (OR NAIRA ONE MILLION) AND TO PROVIDE FOR 280 MAN-MONTHS WORK. UNCLEAR HERE WHETHER THERE ARE SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. (TECHNICALLY, SMITH CONTRACT IS A SUB-CONTRACT FROM UNDP.) FIRM WILL BEGIN WORK HERE WITH NIGERIAN ASSOCIATE ABOUT MID-MAY AND HAVE UNDP HOUSING, ELIMINATING A MAJOR HEADACHE.

2. SMITH FRIM PROBABLY HELPED BY ITS PRIOR EXPERIENCE HERE IN DOING THE LAGOS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY, WITH SEVERDRUP AND PARCEL, BELVLEVUE, WASHINGTON, AND TWO NIGERIAN ASSOCIATES. STUDY COMPLETED 1976 AND IS SLOWLY BEING IMPLEMENTED. A NOTEWORTHY ASPECT WAS A RECOMMENDATION FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN USED SINCE INSTALLATION BY SIEMENS IN 1976, LEAVING LAGOS AS ONE OF THE FEW WORLD METROPOLISES WITHOUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRM WITH WILBUR SMITH (MR. JOHN G. SCHOON MAY BE KNOWLEGEABLE) AND DISSEMINATE MANY SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTINITIES. ALSO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPY OF TRANSPORTATION

STUDY, WHICH MAY CONTAIN SUCH UNANNOUNCED OPPORTUNITIES AS A
MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM.
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